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SUMMARY. MARCH 8 POLADS' CONSIDERATION OF LIBYAN PASSPORT
POLICY, AND POSSIBLE COUNTERMEASURES, CONTINUED BUT NO CONCLUSIONS
WERE REACHED. ALTHOUGH SEVERAL REPS REITERATED THEIR AUTHORITIES'
WILLINGNESS CONSIDER ADDITIONAL COUNTERMEASURES, THERE WAS
NO INDICATION, ASIDE FROM GREEKS, THAT ACTION WAS IMMINENT.
MUCH OF MEETING WAS DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF LATEST GREEK COUNTER-
MEASURE, WHICH SEVERAL DELEGATIONS FOUND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.
END SUMMARY.

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1. US REP OPENED DISCUSSION WITH REPORT ON MARCH 5 CD
MEETING IN TRIPOLI (REF A) AND THEN DREW ON TRIPOLI

248 AND 257, AND STATE 39969 IN DESCRIBING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH LIBYA AND OUR ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION. LATER IN MEETING, US REP SUGGESTED THAT CONSENSUS OF MARCH 5 MEETING (PARA 5, REF A) ON REFUSAL TO TO TRANSLATE PASSPORTS OR AUTHENTICATE TRANSLATIONS BE ADDED TO REDRAFT OF IS PAPER LISTING COUNTERMEASURES.

2. UK, ITALIAN, AND FRG REPS NOTED THAT THEIR GOVERNMENTS POLICIES HAD NOT CHANGED ON NEED FOR COUNTERMEASURES. HOWEVER, ITALIAN REP SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD NOT YET SEEN PRIMIN JALLUD, AND FRG REP SAID HIS AMBASSADORS REPORT ON FEBRUARY 24 MEETING WITH JALLUD WAS SIMPLY " JALLUD ASSURED ME HE WILL LOOK INTO MATTER AND REEXAMINE IT." FRG REP ADDED THAT BONN DETECTED " SOFTENING" OF LARG POLICY, A POSITION WHICH WAS SUPPORTED BY CANADIAN AND FRENCH REPS. ITALIAN REP STRESSED NEED AVOID GOING " TOO FAST OR TOO HARD" AGAINST LARG.

3. GREEK REP STRONGLY SUPPORTED US/ UK POSITION ON COUNTERMEASURES AND REPORTED THAT GREECE IS NOW REFUSING VISAS TO ALL LIBYANS WHOSE PASSPORTS ARE IN ARABIC ONLY EACH TIME LARG REFUSES VISA TO GREEK WHOSE PASSPORT IS IN GREEK AND FRENCH. THIS POLICY ALSO APPLIES TO LARG MILITARY OFFICERS UNDERGOING TRAINING IN GREECE. LATTER WILL NOT BE ABLE OBTAIN GREEK VISA NOW BY SHOWING GREEK IDENTITY CARDS IF THEIR PASSPORTS ARE IN ARABIC ONLY. FRENCH REP SAID THIS STEP WENT FURTHER THAN GOF HAD GONE AND SEEMED DANGEROUS. HE NOTED THAT FRANCE HAD DECIDED ACCEPT LIBYAN PASSPORTS ONLY IN ARABIC AND WAS NOW DEMANDING RECIPROCITY FROM LARG. IF NOW, IN RESPONSE TO GREEK ACTION, LARG AGREES PLACE WESTERN LANGUAGE IN ITS PASSPORTS, IT COULD THEN WITH GREATER LOGIC DEMAND THAT OTHER COUNTRIES USE ARABIC IN THEIR PASSPORTS. UK, TURKISH AND ITALIAN REPS SUPPORTED FRENCH POSITION. GREEK REP POINTED OUT THAT IN CONTRAST TO MOST OTHER ALLIES, THERE WAS LARGE GREEK COMMUNITY RESIDENT IN LIBYA WHICH MEANT THAT GOG' S PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM LARG PASSPORT POLICY WAS MUCH MORE SEVERE.

4. BELGIAN REP RAISED QUESTION OF HOW ALLIED EMBASSIES OUTSIDE ARAB WORLD WOULD REACT IF LARG PASSPORT HOLDER, WHO HAD AUTHENTICATED ENGLISH OR FRENCH TRANSLATION OF PASSPORT, APPLIED FOR VISA. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME THAT UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES CONFIDENTIAL

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US EMBASSY IN QUESTION WOULD HAVE TO REQUEST ADVISORY OPINION PRIOR TO ISSUING VISA AS RESULT OF CURRENT COUNTERMEASURES. IF COUNTERMEASURES WERE NOT IN EFFECT, COULD EMBASSY ISSUE VISA IMMEDIATELY? END COMMENT.)

5. SUMMING UP, CHAIRMAN NOTED DIVERSITY OF VIEWS ON LIKELIHOOD LARG WOULD RELENT. HE ADDED THAT THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT ALLIES COULD INDIVIDUALLY ADOPT COUNTERMEASURES ON ASSUMPTION LATTER WOULD BE APPLIED FLEXIBLY, LEAVING LARG

ROOM TO BACK DOWN. IS WILL UPDATE THAT PORTION OF ITS PAPER DEALING WITH COUNTERMEASURES (TEXT IN USNATO 481), AS BASIS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION. US POINT WILL BE ADDED ON CONSENSUS ARISING FROM MARCH 5 CD MEETING, AND MEASURE IN SUB- PARA (B) WILL BE DROPPED. SUBJECT WILL PROBABLY BE DISCUSSED AT MARCH 20 POLADS MEETING. RUMSFELD

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